

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2022 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on July 19, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Agenda Approval.** It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: AC Metz presented the call summary reports, including station reports. There were five shootings over the past month and four of them were in the Station 18 area. There were three MVA's, only one of which required paramedic services. There was also a house fire resulting from a barbecue. Last week, there was a fully involved house fire around SW 104<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. South. It was a large fire, and the structure had special fire hazards due to the accumulation of personal property in the home. AC Desmarais, who responded, elaborated on this fire. A tower of smoke could be seen from downtown Seattle. King County Fire Investigation is investigating. The fire was confined to the structure of origin. Cost savings to neighboring properties approximated \$1.2 million. This was a successful response AC Desmarais said, and Chief Marrs concurred.

Chair Elwell noted that he could see the smoke from his office near Lumen Field in Seattle. He asked if there were violations of the zoning code. Chief Marrs said that was likely in this case, but the house is located in unincorporated King County. Department of Ecology may have concerns as well because there was considerable runoff from this property of oil and other substances. There will be a long-term cleanup issue. Chair Elwell expressed concern about the safety of the responders. AC Desmarais said concerns like this are usually expressed to the city, so in this case, the county will be advised of the issues. Chief Marrs said district crews were not familiar with this property, which is surprising given the number of vehicles parked on the property, which has never come to the district's attention as a code enforcement problem.

(2) Announcements: July 21: Memorial service for retired Fire Chief and Commissioner Gary Hobbick at 3:00 p.m. at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent.

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July 23: Commissioner Peden's birthday!

**Correspondence.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

**Administration Reports.** Chief Marris delivered the Chief's report as follows:

AC Metz gave the operational report. He highlighted a few operational items. Last week, five students attended truck academy. On July 21, a representative will come in and check SCBAs and other equipment. Three recruits enter academy on August 22. He discussed various other training opportunities. Chair Elwell asked when the district will take delivery of the new ladder truck. AC Metz said it should happen by the end of July. Chief Marris echoed that and said a public event will be planned to get some media coverage of the delivery of the ladder truck.

AC Desmarais reported on fire prevention. The city of Burien lost their recently-hired building official, so they will be seeking a replacement soon. He does not foresee any delays from this. A "Stop the Bleed" event will be taking place very soon—a two-hour event on July 21, 2022.

**Facilities.** Insurance Renewal – The renewal quote from VFIS is \$109,889 for the year beginning August 1, 2022; this represents a 4.8% increase over current year's premium. The quote received from a different vendor was more than \$50,000 higher.

**Equipment.** N/A.

**Personnel.** Public Educator/NHFD District Secretary Shaunna Sheppard has announced her resignation. Chief Marris will discuss this with the North Highline Board, as to the future. Ms. Sheppard is moving to a private company; her final day will be August 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Marris will be reaching out to Attorney Quinn regarding this issue.

**Events.** Chief Marris provided the Covid-19 update. AC Metz is the only district employee in quarantine now, and he will be back to work very soon. There is a lot going on in the hospitals, which also affects the fire service. Harborview is operating at 130-140% of capacity, rather than their target of 90%. Staffing shortages are driving this problem. The lack of beds at skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes results in more individuals that would otherwise be getting care in such facilities instead being transferred to hospitals. The Washington Hospital Association says that things are going to get worse before they get better. Commissioner Sitterley asked about Harborview capacity limitations.

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The next regular board meeting is set for August 2, which is also National Night Out. The August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting could be cancelled due to vacations. Chief Marrs suggested the August 16 meeting could be moved to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. No board members disagreed, so the August 2 meeting will be cancelled and the August board meeting will be held on August 23, 2022.

**Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, the minutes of the July 5th regular meeting, and Voucher Approval for July as follows: **Expense Fund.** Voucher No. 220701001 through Voucher No. 220701084 in the amount of \$1,370,280.03 due for payment July 29, 2022.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** Chair Elwell said the WFCA Health Care Committee recently modified the WFCA health plans. The plans are currently running under budget and funding is good. The plan is in the process of changing service providers, but there should be no significant changes in covered care. Rates for the PPO plans will increase 2.5% but there will be no increase in the dental plan rates.

**Adjournment.** Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Call summary reports
5. Station reports
6. Article from B-town blog re: house fire


Minutes Approved: August 23, 2022

  
Chris Elwell (Aug 24, 2022 07:17 PDT)

Chris Elwell  
Chairman

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Attest:

  
Joseph F. Quinn (Aug 23, 2022 20:06 PDT)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner



Rudy Peden (Aug 27, 2022 17:59 PDT)

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Commissioner

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